

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) announced that he has nominated 18 high school students from the 1st Congressional District of Massachusetts to U.S. Military Academies. These include West Point Academy, the Air Force Academy, the Naval Academy, the Merchant Marine Academy and the Coast Guard Academy. Each candidate must receive a nomination from a federal official in order to be considered by the academy's admissions office.

"I was very impressed with the individuals I nominated and I am pleased to announce their names," Olver said. "I applaud their commitment to their country and to continuing their education."

In order to be considered, candidates must be between the ages of 17 and 23, single with no legal dependents, and must have a strong academic record. The various academies have differing additional requirements. Generally, beyond submitting a written application, nominees must also pass a rigorous physical aptitude test in order to be considered.

"Although this nomination does not necessarily mean admission, these students should be very proud of their accomplishments. I am pleased that the 1st Congressional District has produced such a promising crop of young people," Olver added.

Nominees will learn if they have been admitted this spring. The nominees are listed below, followed by their hometown, and the academy to which they were nominated:

Alix Ackerman
Montague
Air Force Academy

James Joseph Aylward

Westfield
US Naval Academy

Corey G. Cameron
Westfield
Merchant Marine Academy

Matthew Brunelle
Oakham
US Naval Academy

Ethan Cort Dickson
Barre
US Naval Academy & West Point

Peter David Harrington
Belchertown
Air Force Academy

Stephen William Irwin
Westfield
US Naval Academy & West Point

Eli R. Ketchum
Greenfield
West Point

Katrina Ellen Lamsa
Westminster
US Naval Academy & Merchant Marine Academy

Michael Francis Martin
Ashby
West Point

Jaime Robert McClure
Fitchburg
US Naval Academy

Andrew Jacob Mihill
Pepperell
US Naval Academy, Merchant Marine Academy & West Point

Daniel Ross
Westfield
Merchant Marine Academy

Kyle Salisbury
Leominster
US Naval Academy, West Point & Coast Guard Academy

Christopher Douglas Tommila
Belchertown
Air Force Academy

Jason Phillip Todd
Holyoke
US Naval Academy

Ryan Veillette
Westfield
Merchant Marine Academy

Rachel Doty Volpe
Hatfield
US Naval Academy & West Point

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